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1. EMOBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REF (A) WITH A.J. MCGOLDRICK,
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DEPART-
MENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE. FOLLOWING IS RUNDOWN OF MCGOLDRICK'S
VIEWS ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN REF (A).

2. MCGOLDRICK AGREED IN FULL WITH OBJECTIVES OUTLINED
IN PARA 1, ALTHOUGH HE WONDERS IF IN PRACTICAL TERMS WE CAN
KEEP A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED NATION FROM ATTENDING MEETINGS
IF THEY INSIST ON COMING.

3. MCGOLDRICK ALSO AGREED TO SCENARIOS OUTLINED IN PARAS 7,
8, AND 9, ALTHOUGH ON MATTER OF COPPER HE IS AFRAID COREA
ALREADY " HAS THE BIT IN HIS TEETH" AND HE IS NOT SANGUINE
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THAT THE MORE FLEXIBLE MARCH GUIDELINES CAN BE MAINTAINED.

4. MCGOLDRICK ALSO GENERALLY IN ACCORD WITH PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN PARA 11, ALTHOUGH HE POINTED OUT THAT SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE PEOPLE TO COVER SUCH IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, PLUS PROBLEMS OF LONG DISTANCES AND TIGHT GOVERNMENT-WIDE CONTROL ON TRAVEL FUNDS WOULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR GOA IF AD HOC COMMITTEE WERE TO MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING OF TDB, DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH CIEC MEETINGS AND GATT MEETING.

5. MCGOLDRICK EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT TONE AND DIRECTION OF BOSWORTH-COREA LETTER SUMMARIZED IN PARA 13, ALTHOUGH HE AGAIN AFRAID COREA WILL PLAY HIS UNCTAD - IV MANDATE FOR ALL IT IS WORTH AND THAT HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE EXTREMELY HARD TO REIN IN.

6. WITH REFERENCE TO THE HEWITT-LEGOUX EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNING A PREPARATORY MEETING OF CONSUMERS PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER COPPER MEETING IN GENEVA, MCGOLDRICK SAID THEY " REGRETFULLY" GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE MEETING IN AN OECD SETTING AS PROPOSED BY LEGOUX. HE SAID THAT HE USED TERM "REGRETFULLY", BECAUSE WHILE HE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE, HE AFRAID SUCH A MEETING WOULD INTRODUCE A NORTH-SOUTH FLAVOR INTO THE COPPER DISCUSSIONS WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE A STRICTLY PRODUCER-CONSUMER FLAVOR. HE ALSO SAID THAT OTHER PRODUCER COUNTRIES MIGHT LOOK SOMEWHAT ASKANCE AT AUSTRALIA, A PRODUCER AND ASSOCIATE IN CIPEC, ATTENDING WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY DESIGNED TO BE A CONSUMER MEETING.

7. MCGOLDRICK WILL REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT SEPTEMBER COPPER MEETING AND WOULD PRESUMABLY ATTEND OECD-HLGC MEETING.
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